

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dry conditions and above average temperatures continued their dominance across the State, as concerns about the newly sown winter wheat crop remained high due to questionable soil moisture levels despite a bump in reported crop condition following the moisture received two weeks ago, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Statewide, the winter wheat crop was reported as 41 percent good to excellent, compared with 38 percent last week, 62 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Measurable moisture (0.01 inch) was recorded at Chama, the only weather station to report any precipitation during the week. The dry weather coupled with high winds left much of the State on alert for fires. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions dipped to 34 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent last week, 49 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Average temperatures varied from 2 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 65 degrees at Alcalde to 82 degrees at Bitter Lakes, Carlsbad, Roswell, and Tucumcari. Overnight lows varied from 5 degrees at Eagle Nest to 35 degrees at NMSU and Santa Teresa. Cotton and peanut harvests were advancing rapidly in the southeast, while sorghum harvest in the northeast was progressing, although some fields had yet to mature. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 25 percent light, 53 percent moderate, and 21 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 4 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	81	75	91	75
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	56	52	57	81
Cotton				
Harvested .....	73	60	71	61
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	96	88	90	84
Pecans				
Harvested .....	25	17	9	4
Sorghum				
Mature .....	94	89	100	94
Harvested .....	52	41	72	63
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	52	50	76	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	66	64	81	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	10	12	38
Short.....	54	52	39	32
Adequate .....	32	36	47	29
Surplus .....	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	9	NA
Short.....	36	34	26	NA
Adequate .....	52	54	64	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	31
Poor.....	21	20	8	22
Fair.....	43	43	33	27
Good.....	27	27	44	17
Excellent.....	5	6	11	3
<b>Pecan</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	7	14	22
Good.....	45	42	70	56
Excellent.....	49	51	16	22
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	66	66	NA	NA
Good.....	27	27	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	NA	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	11
Poor.....	23	24	--	19
Fair.....	36	38	38	41
Good.....	29	26	50	25
Excellent.....	12	12	12	4
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	36	35	24	NA
Good.....	51	51	61	NA
Excellent.....	7	8	12	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	19	16	14	NA
Good.....	50	52	52	NA
Excellent.....	7	8	3	NA

NA – not available

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/New Mexico/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2016/NM Weather 11202016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_11202016.pdf)